

House Resolution No. 1869

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome with pleasure the opportunity to recognize a remarkable Missouri citizen whose efforts and accomplishments have made her a source of inspiration to all those around her; and

Whereas, Deanna "Dea" Keeling, a resident of Marshfield, Missouri, has been chosen as a recipient of the 2005 Letters About Literature award, a most impressive accolade to be bestowed upon her by the Missouri Center for the Book on April 13, 2005, in the capitol rotunda in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, Letters About Literature is a national reading-writing contest sponsored by the Missouri Center for the Book, the Missouri State Library, the Library of Congress, and Target Stores; and

Whereas, readers in grades four through twelve write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre-- fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic, explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves; and

Whereas, there are three competition levels: Level I for children in grades four through six, Level II for grades seven through eight, and Level III for grades nine through twelve; and

Whereas, Dea Keeling, an eighth grade student at Marshfield Junior High School, won a Level II honorable mention award for her essay on The Grim Grotto by Lemony Snicket; and

Whereas, Dea Keeling has also enjoyed recognition by winning First Place in the Human Behavior Science Fair Project held in February 2005 at Marshfield Junior High School; and

Whereas, Dea Keeling has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her parents, Mark and Dana Keeling; and two siblings, Sabrina and Timothy:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Dea Keeling for her selection to receive the 2005 Letters About Literature award and in further wishing her continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Deanna Keeling.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael L. Cunningham
District No. 145

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1869, adopted April 6, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker